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ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN

Note by the Administrator

1. The proposed third country programme for Afghanistan, covering the period 1984-1986, was not approved by the Governing Council because of the prevailing security situation. At its thirty-first session (1984), the Council concurred with the Administrator's request to provide continued support for ongoing projects in Afghanistan and to consider for approval new projects consistent with the rules, regulations and normal criteria of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). At its thirty-second session (1985), the Council authorized the Administrator, in the absence of a country programme for Afghanistan, for the remaining portion of the third cycle, to provide continued support for ongoing projects in Afghanistan and to consider for approval new projects consistent with the rules, regulations and normal criteria of UNDP. At its thirty-fourth session (1987), the Council agreed to continue this arrangement for the fourth cycle.

2. Since early 1989, UNDP has been providing assistance to Afghanistan within the overall framework of the Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programmes relating to Afghanistan. UNDP assistance is funded from the Emergency Trust Fund for Afghanistan and the indicative planning figure (IPF) for Afghanistan, has supported rehabilitation activities mainly in the areas of agriculture, veterinary services, irrigation systems, feeder roads, rural housing, seed production, water supply and sanitation.

3. As a result of continuing civil strife in Afghanistan, it is still not feasible to formulate a country programme. The Administrator, therefore, seeks the authorization of the Governing Council to continue to appraise and approve projects in the fifth cycle on a project-by-project basis, consistent with the rules, regulations and normal criteria of UNDP and within the limits of the annual pro rata distribution of the IFP for Afghanistan in the fifth programming cycle. When conditions permit, the preparation of the third country programme will be initiated.

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MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMING CYCLES

Communication received from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

The Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Governing Council the attached communication addressed to him from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations.

Annex

COMMUNICATION DATED 27 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Government of the Russian Federation has decided to apply for the status of recipient country for the Russian Federation in the United Nations Development Programme.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations calls upon the Administrator to make all necessary arrangements for the consideration of this issue at the thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council to be held in Geneva from 4-29 May 1992.

We would also like to point out that while officially applying for recipient status under the present strenuous economic realities of the transitional period, the Russian Federation will at the same time continue to participate in providing assistance to the developing countries, thus remaining a donor of the United Nations Development Programme.

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MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMING CYCLES

Communication received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Governing Council the attached communication addressed to him from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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Annex

COMMUNICATION DATED 9 APRIL 1992 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

My Government wishes to participate in the activities of and to benefit from the United Nations Development Programme. I therefore ask you to include the Republic of Uzbekistan as a recipient member.

Ubaxydulla A. Abdurazzakow
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMING CYCLES

Communication received from the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia

The Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Governing Council the attached communication addressed to him from the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia.

Annex

LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

My Government wishes to participate in the activities of and to benefit from the United Nations Development Programme.

I therefore ask you to include the Republic of Armenia as a recipient member.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Chargé d'affaires

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Communication received from the Permanent Representative of the Azerbaijani Republic to the United Nations

The Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Governing Council the attached communication addressed to him from the Permanent Representative of the Azerbaijani Republic to the United Nations.

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Annex

LETTER DATED 16 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AZERBAIJANI REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

My Government wishes to participate in and benefit from the activities of the United Nations Development Programme.

I am hereby requesting that the Azerbaijani Republic be included as a recipient member.

(Signed) Hassan HASSANOV
Permanent Representative of
the Azerbaijani Republic
to the United Nations